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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

EMS Case # 14-018

In the Matter of:
CARL L. MORLOCK, EMT-C
EMT# 13340

CONSENT ORDER

This matter came before the Department of Health Division of Emergency Medical Services (hereinafter "Department"), upon allegations that Carl L. Morlock (hereinafter "Respondent") who while employed by Warwick Fire Department did engage in conduct that constituted grounds for civil disciplinary action against his EMT license pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws 23-4.1-9 and the Rules and Regulations Relating to Emergency Medical Services, Rule 14.1. After consideration by the Department, the following constitute the Finding of Fact with respect to the actions of the Respondent:

1. Carl L. Morlock, EMT-C (hereafter "Respondent") is licensed as an Emergency Medical Technician pursuant to RI General Laws chapter 23-4.1 and holds license number EMT 13340.
2. On 3-4-2014, the Rhode Island Department of Health's Division of Emergency Medical Services staff observed at Rhode Island Hospital emergency Room to be transporting a patient without having applied restraint straps on the ambulance stretcher.
3. On October 15th, 2013, an Advisory was sent from the Division of Emergency Medical Services to all EMS service chiefs and coordinators in Rhode Island and reminded all EMS services to use all five patient restraint straps during all patient transportation, with two exceptions: Children restrained to stretchers in approved car seats and in the rare case that patient care is compromised by a strap placement.

4. Respondent has committed a violation of the Rhode Island Pre-hospital Care Protocols and Standing Orders § 1.1 (Standard Management of All Patients), and thus has committed a civil violation of Rhode Island General Laws §§ 23.4.1-4 and 7.

Based on the foregoing, the parties agree as follows:

1. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Department and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Department. Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of the Department and is subject to final ratification by the Department. This Consent Order and the contents thereof are not binding on Respondent until final ratification by the Department.
2. Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
    a. The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Department;
    b. The right to produce witnesses and evidence in his behalf at a hearing;
    c. The right to cross-examine witnesses;
    d. The right to have subpoenas issued by the Department;
    e. The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
    f. Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;
    g. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Department for Consideration and review.
    h. Any objection to the fact it will be necessary for the Department to become acquainted with all evidence pertaining to this matter in order to adequately review this consent order; and
    i. Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the Respondent may occur as a result of the presentation of this Consent Order to the Department.

3. This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once accepted by all parties. Acceptance by Respondent and approval by the Department of this Consent Order constitutes an admission of the facts contained herein.
4. Respondent voluntarily accepts the sanction of a Reprimand.
5. A copy of this Consent Order shall be forwarded by the Department to the Respondent's current employer(s) and/or volunteer service.

Signed this 6 day of April, 2014.

Carl L. Morlock
EMT 13340

Ratified as an order of the Department this 18 day of April, 2014.

Michael Fine, MD
Director
Rhode Island Department of Health